

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council of the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, met in regular session at Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main Street, Bridgeport, Nebraska, on the 13th day of August 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Prayer, Mayor Gail Beyer called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted as follows: Present: Mark Wickard, Tony McGrath, Carrie Harless, Jeff Nichols

Staff members present were: Kathy Baxter, Melissa Butler, Billie Mitchell, Fay Scarrow

Mayor Beyer presided, and City Clerk Huck recorded the proceedings.

Mayor Beyer announced, "In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the open meetings act is posted at the back of the meeting room for the review of the public."

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on July 23, 2026 the designated method of notice given, as shown by proof of publication, as shown by attached affidavit of posting.

Notice was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and by email notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The Mayor asked if there were any letters of public correspondence for the board. There were none.

The Mayor asked if there are any visitors that would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda. There were none.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting minutes held July 10, 2026.
7. Approve the minutes of the budget workshop minutes held July 10, 2026.
8. Acceptance of the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
9. Approve the resignation of Deb Hecker from the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department due to moving out of the district.
10. Approve Angel Lopez as a probationary member of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Member Nichols moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Nichols, McGrath, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

III. CLAIMS

11. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the claim submitted Jeff Nichols, seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Harless, Wickard; Abstain: Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Council Member Wickard moved to approve the remainder of claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Nichols, McGrath, Harless; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Claims: Active Internet Technologies LLC, Op, \$4,074.00; Aflac, Aflc, \$395.22; Alarm Security Technicians, Msm, \$32.95; Allo Communications LLC, Tlpn, \$822.00; Allteam Sports LLC, Op, \$2,395.00; American Funds Service Company, Retire, \$5,880.17; American Legal Publishing Corp, Df, \$2,523.45; Ameritas Group Life Insurance, Amtrs, \$93.20; Kathlene Baxter, Tlpn,

\$40.00; Benzel Pest Control Inc, Msm, \$102.85; Best Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC, Mtr Dep, \$117.31; Black Hills Energy, Ht, \$1,614.76; Bloedorn Lumber, Rm, \$89.65; BCBS Of Ne, Hlth Ins, \$5,986.89; Bluffs Facility Solutions, Op / Shop, \$733.44; Bomgaars, Dwn Twn / Op / Rm / Shop / Tls /Tr Brd, \$1,562.88; Bridgeport News-Blade, Ofsup / Pp, \$508.85; Cengage Learning Inc, Bks, \$90.00; Century Business Products Inc, Op, \$67.66; Chimney Rock Public Power District, Elct, \$329.70; City Of Bridgeport, Mtr Dep / Elect, \$11,587.35; Christina M Collins, Tlpn, \$5.11; Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co, Clnl, \$830.02; Community Center, Tr, \$20,000.00; Computer Connection, Op, \$49.00; Conserv Flag Company, Op, \$677.98; Crescent Electric Supply Company, Op, \$686.72; Culligan Water Conditioning, Op, \$141.00; Cummins Central Power LLC, Nh, \$118.21; Dan's Landscape And Tree Service, Tr Brd, \$9,200.00; Dutton Lainson Company, Inv, \$2,266.11; E & S Auto Supply, Op / Rm / Tls, \$744.25; Eakes Office Solutions, Me / Op, \$706.72; Eldon C Stutsman Inc, Tf, \$5,649.84; Enviro Service Inc, Wtr Aly, \$90.00; Federal, Fed, \$4,201.50; Fica, \$10,289.78; Fire Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; First Responders Sinking, Snkg, \$15,000.00; Fyr-Tek Inc, Trk Rp, \$836.00; General Treasury, Tr, \$55,000.00; Timmy Haller, Mtr Dep, \$106.15; Hawkins Inc, Tf, \$4,318.92; Health Savings Account, Hsa, \$1,972.00; Doretta J Huck, Tlpn / Trng, \$672.90; Ideal Linen & Uniform, Op / Ua, \$1,022.81; Dane M Jeffords, Tlpn, \$40.00; John Deere Financial, Op / Rm, \$444.93; Kaiser Tire, Rm, \$35.00; Koke's Auto Farm Truck Inc, Rm / Spry / Tls, \$759.59; Daniel L Krentz, Op, \$5,000.00; League Of Ne Municipalities, Df, \$6,152.00; Lee's Service Inc, Fl, \$150.13; Andrew S Leisy, Tlpn, \$40.00; Library Fund, Tr, \$11,000.00; Kyle E Lussetto, Tlpn, \$40.00; M C Schaff & Associates Inc, Eng, \$25,000.00; Masa Global, Ins, \$154.00; Medicare, Mdcr, \$2,406.52; Michael Todd Industrial Supply, Op, \$65.74; Morrill County School District 63, Shl63, \$150.00; Morrill County Sheriff, Cnty, \$36,780.00; Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Mn, \$123,562.17; Ne Dept Of Revenue Chartable Gaming, St Shr, \$2,435.00; Ne State Fire Marshal Agency, Lic Prmts, \$36.00; Nebraska Dept Of Revenue, Sls Tx / State, \$1,5062.05; Nebraska Printworks LLC, Ofsup, \$468.08; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, Wtr Aly, \$474.00; Nebraska Public Power District, Msm, \$167.72; Nebraskaland Magazine, Msm, \$15.00; Perry E Nelson, Tlpn, \$40.00; Jeffrey T Nichols, Cnt Svc, \$1,705.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc Of Scottsbluff, Inv, \$15.63; Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Chem / Op, \$715.30; One Call Concepts Inc, Op, \$60.60; Optk Networks, Tlpn, \$75.00; Pace Analytical Services LLC, Wtr Aly, \$1,200.00; Panhandle Area Development, Df, \$1,279.52; Park Fund, Tr, \$8,000.00; Platte River Dust Control LLC, Chem, \$25,380.00; Platte Valley Visa, Op, \$5,169.76; Plummer Insurance Inc, Ins, \$158,147.00; Police Fund, Tr, \$36,780.00; Pool Fund, Tr, \$7,000.00; Quadient Finance Usa Inc, Pstg, \$1,000.00; Regional Care Inc Group II LLC, Hsa, \$96.00; Reliance Standard Life Ins Co, Lf Ins, \$455.50; Brody Joe Retchless, Cnt Svc, \$750.00; Allan J Roach, Tlpn, \$40.00; Rodak Law Office, Lgl Rtnr, \$1,000.00; Sandberg Implement Inc, Rm, \$130.90; Fay Scarrow, Tlpn, \$40.00; Bryan Schluterbusch, Tlpn, \$40.00; Scott Dechant Electric, Dwn Twn, \$1,500.00; Parker Smith, Cnt Svc, \$935.00; Sonnys Super Foods, Op / Pgrm / Tf, \$174.39; Spic-Span Cleaners, Op, \$687.00; Street Fund, Tr, \$5,000.00; Sunrise Window Cleaners LLC, Op, \$39.00; Superior Sanitation Services Inc, Op, \$350.00; Town & Country Advertising, Pp, \$81.00; Trading Post Enterprises LLC, Fl, \$1,643.73; Travelers - Rmd, Ins, \$23,171.00; United States Treasury, Ins, \$34.70; Utilities Section, Df, \$1,131.00; Waste Connections Of Ne Inc, Trsh, \$21,452.61; Wesco Receivables Corp, Inv, \$1,205.28; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply LLC, Op / Shop, \$457.56; Total, \$716,052.76; Salaries, \$66,602.30

****Aflc = Aflac; Amtrs = Ameritas; Bks = Books; Chem = Chemicals; Clnl = Colonial; Cnt Svc = Contract Services; Cnty = County Contract; Dwn Twn = Downtown Appearance; Df = Dues & Fees; Elct = Electric Bills; Eng = Engineers; Fed = Federal; Fl = Fuel; Hlth Ins = Health Insurance; Hsa = Health Savings; Ht = Heat; Ins = Insurance; Inv = Inventory; Lgl Rtnr = Legal Retainer; Lic Prmts = License & Permits; Lf Ins = Life Insurance; Mn = Mean; Mdcr = Medicare; Mtr Dep = Meter Deposit; Msm = Museum; Nh = Nursing Home; Ofsup = Office Supplies; Op = Operating Expense; Pstg = Postage; Pp = Printing & Publications; Rm = Repairs & Maintenance; Retire = Retirement / City Share; Shl63 = School District 63; Snkg = Sinking Fund; State = State; St Shr = State Share; Tlpn = Telephone; Trng = Training; Tr = Transfer Out; Trsh = Trash; Tf = Treatment Facility; Tr Brd = Tree Board; Trk Rp = Truck Repairs; Ua = Uniform Allowance; Wtr Aly = Water Analysis

IV. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

13. None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. None

VI. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

15. Council Member Nichols introduced Resolution 2026-10, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: McGrath, Nichols, Harless, Wickard; Nay: None. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING, THE SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE AND SIGNING RESOLUTION WITH THE NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS 2026.

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Bridgeport is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

16. Council Member Nichols introduced Resolution 2026-11, and moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Council Member McGrath. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Harless, Nichols, Wickard, McGrath; Nay: None. Resolution passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO NEB. REV. STAT. § 17-503.02.

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 authorizes the power any city of the second class or village to convey any personal property owned by it;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-503.02 sets forth that said power to convey personal property shall be exercised by resolution directing the sale and the manner and terms of the sale;

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeport, Nebraska, owns the following described personal property which it desires to sell:

1. 1993 Ford Pickup F150; Vin# 1FTEF15H2PLB13661
2. 2002 Dodge Ext Sport Van Caravan Grand SE Wheelchair Accessible; Vin# 1B4GP24392B697733
3. 2005 Dodge Ext Sport Van Caravan Grand SE Wheelchair Accessible; Vin#1D4GP24R75B340971
4. 1994 JD 425 Riding Mower; 20 HP V Twin Liquid Cooled 54” Deck; Serial # M00425B020771
5. Decked Floor Toolbox system out of 2022 F 150 6 ½’ box
6. Onan 4 Cylinder Gas 15 KVA Generator, 120/240 Volt; Serial #J910431350

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA, HEREBY RESOLVES, to sell to the highest responsible bidder the afore-described personal property subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The City hereby authorizes the sale of the above-described personal property to consign with Kraupies Real Estate & Auctioneers on the Panhandle Farmers & Ranchers Farm Equipment Auction Online September 15, 2026
2. Property shall be sold “as is” with no warranties, express or implied, of any kind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of the sale of the personal property described above shall be placed in the General, Park and Electric Fund of the Municipality.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

ATTEST:

GAIL BEYER
MAYOR

DORETTA J. HUCK
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

VII. REPORTS

17. Departments:

Public Works: Mayor Beyer reported in the absence of Dane Jeffords stating a lightning strike damaged the underground line of the NW conversion. They currently have a jumper in place to maintain service until they can pull new wire. The crew worked through the night and was out making repairs until approximately 2:30 a.m.

Pwcc: Kathy Baxter contacted Nick with Partitions.com to obtain measurements and other information regarding the partitions. The Greek Festival is scheduled for August 15. Kathy also reported that a new defibrillator was purchased through Morrill County Hospital, as the current unit is outdated. The council discussed contacting Kay Anderson to provide PWCC staff with training on the new defibrillator, as well as CPR instruction.

Library: Melissa Butler reported this past month was relatively quiet, as is typical for this time of year. The annual book inventory is scheduled for the end of the month. Library programs will resume in September, including several children’s programs and a few adult programs.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Casey Sides reported that activity has been relatively quiet, with only a couple of minor incidents. The largest incident was a vehicle fire west of town. Department members are doing well, and the probationary firefighters are progressing and becoming more proficient with the trucks. Using donations received from the Morrill Fire, the department ordered gear bags for members to keep their equipment organized and readily available during extended calls and as well as updating some of its wildland firefighting gear.

Camp Clarke Villa: Council Member Harless reported the villa is at full capacity

Sheriff: The July ambulance service reported 13 rescue calls; with six occurring within the city limits and seven outside the city and 23 patient transfers. The department responded to 168 calls and 13 arrests. Overall, July was a busy month. With school starting, the department will also be getting back into its school-related activities.

Cardenas also raised concerns regarding e-bikes and other motorized bicycles. There have been increasing calls from residents asking what rules apply and whether the City has an ordinance regulating their use. The department would like to work with City Attorney Rodak on developing an ordinance addressing e-bikes and other motorized bicycles.

Cardenas discussed potentially installing two additional cameras on the east side of the PWCC to provide better coverage of the parking area as well as to provide broader coverage of the swimming pool parking area.

Golf Course: Jeff Nichols stated that the Golf Board has not yet held its meeting. Revenue has not been as strong as it was previously, but this is the time of year when the golf season is beginning to wind down.

Safety Committee: Billie Mitchell reported that the Safety Committee held its regular meeting on July 21. The committee approved the Safety Committee Proposed Charter and various checklist forms. Inspections have been completed at the Community Center, City Office, Library, and Public Works Shop. Copies of all inspection reports will be maintained at the City Office, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bridgeport Public Library.

Administration: Waste Connection and the City has scheduled the Free Fall Dump Day for October 10 with alley pick up the day before.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

18. Emergency Items – None

19. Anthony Gurrola with Trusted Community Development (TCD) proposed a one-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Bridgeport at a cost of \$8,476.00. Services would include assistance with the upcoming LB 357 campaign, grant-writing assistance, supporting existing businesses, business retention, expansion, startup assistance, and business attraction. Gurrola mentioned the Rural Workforce Housing Program grant with matching funds to the state; assistance with local youth with career opportunities; promoting activities through social media for example community light tours and garage sales.

Mayor Beyer has attended several presentations from TCD, and given that the City currently does not have a City Administrator, felt it is important that the city continues to support TCD and keep moving forward with progress they would help for the city. Council Member Wickard made a motion to approve the Mayor's signature on the MOU in the amount of \$8,476.00, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, McGrath, Wickard, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

20. Mayor Beyer stated the City already agreed to move forward and pay the start of fee of \$5,000.00 and annual affiliation fee of \$1,200.00 to Nebraska Communities Foundation which will handle the administrative and behind-the-scenes aspects of fundraising and managing the fund for a new pool and stated there is a team of community members that will be a part of the fundraising efforts.

21. Rachel Lang has completed her internship with the City and was commended for the City's social media presence, and it was noted the views on the City of Bridgeport's Facebook page increased over 500%, but with TCD's contract the social media services will be covered. Rachel has since received a job in her field of study in the insurance industry.

22. Due to an increase in complaints regarding free-roaming animals, the Council discussed reviewing the City's existing ordinances concerning pet ownership and limitations. Council will review the matter further and consider establishing a pet limit similar to the provisions in the City's chicken ordinance for discussion at the next Council meeting.

23. Mayor Beyer discussed the procedures for Special Designated Liquor Licenses (SDLs) and requested that the Council revisit the process, stating that she felt all SDL licenses should be placed on the Council agenda. City Clerk Huck explained the current process, which allows the City to approve an SDL through a resolution that is signed and then emailed to the Council and Sheriff without requiring the matter to be placed on the agenda. This process is necessary due to the time limits imposed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and the City Council meeting schedule, which occurs only once a month. After much discussion, the process will remain the same at this time.

10-Minute Intermission

24. Travis Rodak commented on the budget and stated the city's financial health is strong, and being under budget. Travis adjusted revenue and expenses, notably reducing water, sewer, and the nursing home is completely off the budget. The city's cash reserve is doing good. The electrical system's revenue is down, affecting the overall budget and the city is considering rate increases to maintain financial stability. The Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan increased by 9%.

At 6:49 p.m., Council Member Harless made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employee wages to include City Attorney Rodak, seconded by Council Member Nichols. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Wickard, Harless, Nichols, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doretta J Huck, City Clerk

Gail Beyer, Mayor

At 7:07 p.m., Council Member Wickard made a motion to exit executive session with no action being taken, seconded by Council Member Harless, Roll call resulted as follows; Yeas; Harless, Wickard, McGrath, Nichols; Nay: None. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wickard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harless. Roll call resulted as follows; Aye: Harless, Wickard, Nichols, McGrath; Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mark Wickard, Council President

Gail Beyer, Mayor

I, the undersigned Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of proceedings of Thursday, August 13, 2026, had and done by the Mayor and City Council; that all of the subjects included in the proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Doretta J Huck, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer